

**Virginia Department of Emergency Management**

**Virginia Emergency Operations Center**

10501 Trade Court, Richmond, VA 23236

**Spot Report # 1**

**Town of Chatham Water Main Break**

**4 December 2008 0700 hours**

**\*Summary:**

- Officials from Town of Chatham in Pittsylvania County, detected a problem with the water system around 0800 hrs, 3 December, when water tank levels declined
- A leak was located at approximately 1100 hrs, 3 December, in a heavily wooded and isolated area off Moses Mill Road
- Leak depleted the stored water supply, approximately 300,000 gallons
- Town officials notified VA Department of Health at 1200 hours, 3 December
- Virginia Department of Health (VDH) Officials advised that a Boil Water Advisory be issued for town and surrounding areas
- Pittsylvania County declared Local Emergency at approximately 1827 hrs, 3 December
- Repairs to system implemented immediately and expected to take two days
- Approximately 2000 residents of the Town of Chatham and 1300 inmates at the Green Rock Correctional Center are affected

**Emergency Declarations:**

- Pittsylvania County, 3 December

**Resource Requests:**

- Pittsylvania County, 3 December, requested bottled water for Town population; VDEM coordinating request
- VA Department of Corrections, 3 December, requested bottled water for Green Rock Correctional Center population; VDEM coordinating request

**\*VDEM/VEOC**

- Routine Operations with normal staffing
- Incident Management Cadre Conference Call conducted at 2130 hrs, 3 December
- VDEM Region 6 Coordinator to meet with Pittsylvania County Emergency Manager, 4 December and will continue to assist Town Officials in recovery efforts
- Respond to request for assistance and resources
- An Event has been created in Web EOC titled, **2008 Pittsylvania County Water Event**, under Active Incidents. All information and requests for assistance related to the Pittsylvania County Local Emergency Declaration regarding the Town of Chatham water main break are to be posted here.

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**Virginia Department of Health (VDH)**

- VDH Office of Drinking Water District Engineer will assist Town Officials in monitoring the repairs of the damaged water lines and flushing and sanitizing of the system after repairs are made

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